

THE DAILY NEWS

LARGEST CIRCULATION.—THE DAILY NEWS BEING THE NEWSPAPER OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS HAVING THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, PUBLISHES THE LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POSTOFFICE AT THE END OF EACH WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW POSTOFFICE LAW.

LOCAL MATTERS.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.
JOHN G. MILNOR & Co. will sell this day, at their auction saleroom, No. 135 Meeting-street, at 10 o'clock, Swiss muslins, jaconets, nainsooks, &c.

LOUIS D. DESAUSSEUR will sell this day, at the old postoffice, at 11 o'clock, a dwelling house.

W. Y. LEITCH & R. S. BRUNS will sell this day, at the old postoffice, at 11 o'clock, several desirable lots, with the buildings thereon.

J. A. ENSLOW & Co. will sell this day, at their store, No. 90 East Bay, at 9 o'clock, Central wharf store, at 10 o'clock, 3000 bushels mixed corn; also, on Kerr's wharf, at 11 o'clock, choice Calabrian molasses.

R. A. P. CALDWELL will sell this day, at their store, No. 90 East Bay, at 9 o'clock, Central wharf store, at 10 o'clock, 3000 bushels mixed corn; also, on Kerr's wharf, at 11 o'clock, choice Calabrian molasses.

R. M. MARSHALL & BROS. will sell this day, at the exchange, at 11 o'clock, several desirable residences.

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Talk on the Bay.

WHAT IS SAID ABOUT COTTON—THE FEELING AMONG MERCHANTS, FACTORS AND PLANTERS—RICE FIRM—GENERAL TRADE PROSPECTS—SHIPPING—CHARLESTON A PREFERRED MARKET, ETC., ETC.

If there be any true thermometer of the commercial temperature of the State, it is generally to be found on Broad-street and the Bay. When you see the wharves lined with cotton bales, and knots of workmen busy sewing up the rents, and getting them ready for shipment; when you see drays loaded with the staple going to, and loaded with merchandise coming from the ships; when you see the clerks hurrying into the banks and brokers' offices in indefatigable pursuit of "that note" when you see factors with cotton on their coats, cotton on their whiskers, and cotton in their eyes, you may be pretty sure that everybody has cotton on the brain, and the mercury in the thermometer is up. Such spectacles are comparatively rare in these latter days. Old Charleston, however, holds her own in competition with her sister cities, and any one passing through the business portion of the town yesterday would have felt that there was much of "Life in the Old Land yet."

Conversations here and there reveal the fact that everybody is hopeful for the future, and tolerably well satisfied that the things of the present are no worse. Merchants and factors have suffered heavily from bad debts, and their faith in human nature grows smaller by degrees and beautifully less with every day's publication of some new name added to the list of bankrupts. But somehow they manage to throw themselves, and the stocks on hand are in most cases large and inviting.

Money, as we are informed, is more abundant than it was thirty days ago, and is offered at nine and ten per cent. on long investment. It is undoubtedly being hoarded for the purchase of such securities as may be offered at the Savings' Institution sale next month.

What will be done this year in cotton? This is a question which all men are anxious to hear answered. Two facts may be definitely stated; first, that there is a disposition among most planters to put in large crops; secondly, that there is not a disposition among factors to make such large advances as were made last year. Unfortunately for both parties the season was bad, and both suffered. The sudden rise in cotton benefited neither as a class, since the material could not be held sufficiently long to reap the harvest, and both are therefore now in the slough of despond. This condition of things is well attested by the slow sale of guano, phosphates and other fertilizers. The planters absolutely have no money with which to buy, and will necessarily be compelled to resort to the use of ordinary stable manure, and domestic composts, for the enrichment of their soil.

Doubtless the planter is animated by the same hopes that stir the hearts of the factor and merchant. From more than one person, whose judgment is deemed valuable, we yesterday heard the prediction that in sixty days from now, and perhaps in less time, the price of cotton will advance to thirty cents a pound. Ask the reason of this statement, and you will be told that the stock on hand has suddenly and rapidly diminished. The receipts which three weeks ago at one port were twelve thousand bales, the next week dropped to six thousand, and last week to five thousand bales. You will also be informed, by the best judges, that the highest amount yet to come from South Carolina is only about twenty-five thousand bales, fifteen thousand of which are in that section of the State west of the Congaree and Broad Rivers. Again, cotton on the Mississippi has been hurried to market, while the prices ruled high, and before the annually expected drought in that region; so that the demand in Liverpool for American cottons will be so greatly in excess of the supply that a slight advance there will naturally renew the speculative tendency on this side of the Atlantic.

Within a comparatively short period the stock on hand in our Southern ports has dropped from one hundred thousand bales, in round numbers, to less than half that quantity. This condition of things, in the language of a Liverpool correspondent, "has alarmed the trade, who have been trying to protect themselves by purchases both on the spot and to arrive."

Again, we are told that if there is any policy calculated to increase the tendency to high prices, it is that now being carried out by the Freedmen's Bureau in issuing rations to the negroes, thus supporting them in idleness, to the great detriment of both the Upland and Sea Island crop. Probably this latter view of the case is that which leads men to predict that the next crop will not largely exceed 1,500,000 bales.

In rice the feeling is firmer. But little will be raised in South Carolina. Governor Aiken thinks that his crop this year will not exceed eight thousand or ten thousand bushels, scarcely one-tenth of the crop of former years. The great competitor of South Carolina rice is the Rangoon rice, which, according to the depreciation in gold, enables the importer to put it on the market at rates greatly below those at which we can afford to sell.

With reference to general trade we find merchants along the Bay, engaged in furnishing plantation supplies, materially effected by the Bureau distribution above referred to. Collections are backward, and quite a number of parties who were considered good in January, have since become seriously embarrassed. There is, therefore, a general disposition on the part of responsible houses to confine their business to cash transactions; and it is a matter of frequent occurrence that orders from the country, when unaccompanied by cash, are, in military parlance, "respectfully returned, disapproved."

Our wharves present a goodly array of foreign and coastwise shipping, but the unprecedented condition of our cotton market—factors holding firmly at prices equal to one and a half penny sterling above Liverpool—has put a stop to nearly all shipments; and freights are a drag in the market.

In this connection, it is a significant fact that the cotton market of Charleston is so much preferred to that of New York or Liverpool that holders of the staple at all interior points have changed the destination of their consignments, and are contented to receive the handsome proceeds of a domestic sale.

THE STREET BRIGADE.—A portion of this force have been assigned to duty in the burnt district, and were industriously engaged yesterday in filling up the excavated lots and old cellars. The rubbish on the surface will be used for that purpose whenever practicable; the sides of the cellars will also be dug down and a uniform level obtained. The fencing will be placed along King and Queen streets, and wherever the burnt district is intersected by prominent streets. This will be given the same cream tint as that on Meeting-street.

"THE BANKER OF THE SOUTH," the new paper published in Augusta, and edited by Father Ryan, the popular Southern poet, has made its appearance. It is evidently made up with great care, and the leading articles bear the impress of the genius of the gifted editor. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. M. J. O'Connor, the Agent of the Banner of the South, who is in our city for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for that journal. We commend him to the courtesy and consideration of our citizens.

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THE HOSPITALS AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board had a lengthy session yesterday afternoon, in which the reports on the memorials of the Medical Society and the Trustees of the Roper Hospital were read and adopted. The Roper Hospital now stands alone, as its propositions have been rejected, and it is understood that an order will be issued from headquarters directing that the seven thousand dollars heretofore paid by the State to that institution be turned over to the city. If this is enforced it will compel a closing of the Hospital, and a treaty has been made to rent the building from the Trustees for city purposes. The whole matter will, however, be discussed in Council this evening.

"WASHINGTON AVENUE."—A number of public spirited citizens are considering the feasibility of opening Washington-street from its present terminus at Laurens-street, on the prolongation of the same line, to Market-street, or near the corner of East Bay street. It has been ascertained that such an opening would make a wide and commodious avenue from the front of the splendid new customhouse building to the Northeastern Railroad depot, thus relieving East Bay, which is narrow and crooked above Society-street, of a portion of its usual crowd of drays and other heavy vehicles.

It is not known what property holders would think of the scheme; but as it must result in enhancing values greatly along the new line, it is presumed that their hearty co-operation can be relied upon.

This is an age of improvement, and, after the wonderful transformation of Meeting-street, by means of a trifling outlay and some work, we look upon the Washington Avenue scheme as entirely practicable; and as it is considered reasonably certain that some disreputable tenants on Havel-street will have to be cleaned out, it may be considered as a desirable improvement.

It is well known that this street is called in honor of Colonel William Washington, of the (first) revolution, and as its extension from the Northeastern Railroad Depot to East Bay, which is a very fine street, should be a step forward, to be taken at the earliest possible day.

MATON'S COURT.—The usual number of Saturday night drunks and Sunday headaches were reported, and were doctored in the usual manner. The pockets were bled to the tune of \$5 or \$15, as the virulence of the case demanded.

Among the number was one colored woman who was found clasping a lamp-post and complaining that the pavement would not keep down. It took \$15 or fifteen days to steady her nerves.

A cow that had rambled to the battery was arrested, and the owner lost both her milk and money, as \$5 was demanded for the trespass.

Two colored chicken thieves who were caught in the act, were fined \$40 and \$15 respectively, one having a stronger claim to notoriety than his brother.

Two disorderly characters whose brawls were a nuisance to the neighborhood, were charged \$5 each as a municipal quittance.

A colored man who had stolen some of the brass work belonging to the Washington engine and had invested the proceeds in a suit of clothes was arrested. His sin had found him out and he was sentenced to pay \$40 or forty days at the workhouse.

A carriage whose lamps were not trimmed and burning was stopped and the owner asked for a \$5.

Two colored men who wished to emulate the valor shown by the U. S. C. T. got up a small flag as an experiment, but they found to their sorrow that the sinews of war were demanded and \$100 in greenbacks assessed.

A fruiterer whose establishment was open on Sunday and who sold a few cigars, &c., was reminded of the commandments by a fine of \$20.

UNITED STATES COURT.—HON. GEORGE S. BRYAN PRESIDING.—The court convened at the usual hour. On motion of Samuel Lord, Jr., Esq., Robert A. Fair, Esq., of Abbeville, and Thomas Thompson, of Abbeville, were admitted to practice in the United States Court for South Carolina.

In the District Court.—Emanuel Strauss, convicted of violation of the Internal Revenue laws in reference to stamps, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

Amended schedules A No. 3 were filed in the cases of Thomas S. Mills and William D. Peck, bankrupts.

The following assignees were appointed in the annexed bankrupt cases:

T. W. Dinkins, Esq., assignee George W. Brown, bankrupt.

T. W. Dinkins, Esq., assignee DeLorme & Moore, bankrupts.

T. W. Dinkins, Esq., assignee William B. Murray, bankrupt.

John W. Burdette, Esq., assignee Francis H. Glover, bankrupt.

John J. Ryan, Esq., assignee John H. LaFite, bankrupt.

John A. McKee, Esq., assignee A. A. Pollock, bankrupt.

David J. Winn, Esq., assignee J. E. Rembert, bankrupt.

Silas Johnston, Esq., assignee Dr. Pressley B. Buff, bankrupt.

In Equity.—W. C. Langley & Co. vs. Harvey Cogswell et al., F. L. Mosley et al. vs. W. C. Langley & Co. et al. On hearing the pleadings and by consent of all parties, it was decreed that the sale of the Kalmia Mills property, made on 19th instant, be confirmed, and that Harvey Cogswell, trustee, convey the same absolutely and in fee simple to W. C. Langley & Co., subject to the proviso made in the previous order of the court, "that \$40,000 of the credit portion of the purchase money be retained in court to stand in the place of the property and subject to the liens and equities of the several parties, and subject to the further order of this court."

It was further ordered that the said cases be referred to Master Tupper as a special referee to inquire into and report upon the facts stated in the pleadings. It was also ordered that the referee advise the creditors of the said Kalmia Mills and of the said Harvey Cogswell, trustee, come in and prove their claims, and the referee report the amounts. All the rights and equities of the several parties be reserved until the said report is received and the further decree of the court, and all the several parties have leave to come in at the foot of this decree and apply from time to time for such other and further orders as may be necessary.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.—Charleston Hotel.—C. L. Carrington, City; Charles A. Clarkson, W. Richmond Clarkson, J. H. Schoonmaker, New York; Elias Richards, Newark, N. J.; Daniel W. Brown, New York; P. H. Mathews, Mississipi; Lyman Blair and wife, Emma Blair, Haiti Blair, C. Blair, George Blair, Chicago; S. G. McCalla and wife, Philadelphia; R. G. M. Duvoan, Edgely; J. W. Champin Rutledge, Georgia; Dr. John Lamy, Alexander B. McGowan, Darlington.

Pavilion Hotel.—H. F. Tindal, Charleston; W. H. Nevels, Blackville; E. A. Bronson, Barnwell; William Barnwell, Edgely; N. C. John Floyd and S. Marco, Darlington; C. A. Lynch, Cheraw; T. L. Gifford and Thomas Litch, Philadelphia; B. R. Rodden, S. S. J. W. McCall, Marion; J. B. Gorman, Georgetown; Thomas F. Greener, Newberry.